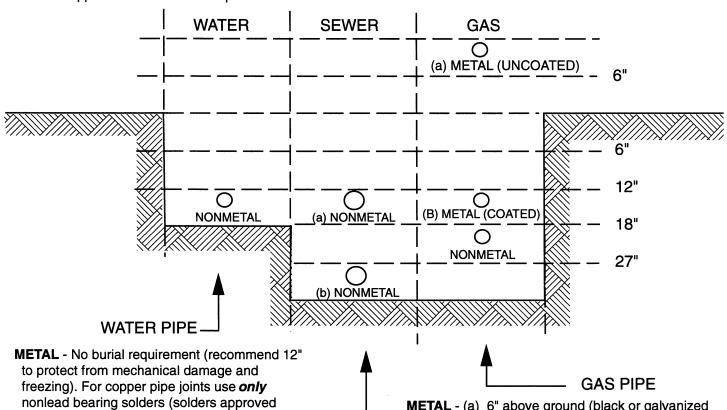


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## **BURIAL DEPTHS FOR YARD PIPING\***

These burial depths apply **outside of buildings** within private property subject to the following provisions:

- Not applicable to San Diego Gas and Electric Companys gas and utility lines.
- Pipe may be laid in the same trench without horizontal separation except as noted for sewer and water lines.
- Not applicable to mobilehome parks.



for potable water).

NONMETAL - 12" minimum (plastic). Also see sewer pipe depths, nonmetal (b).

## SEWER PIPE

METAL - No burial requirement (recommend 12" to protect from mechanical damage and freezing).

NONMETAL - (a) Pipe approved inside building, 12" minimum.

> (b) For pipe not approved inside building, sewer to be 12" below water pipe with water pipe to one side on a solid shelf--total depth to the top of sewer + or - 27".

## METAL - (a) 6" above ground (black or galvanized

- iron), securely supported. (b) 12" below ground (factory coated or machine wrapped).
- NONMETAL (PE plastic) 18" minimum.

## **ALL MEDIUM PRESSURE GAS LINES** REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 18" COVER.

**NOTE:** Approved plastic to metal transition fittings required (all plastic pipe to be a minimum of 18" below ground). Also 18 GA. yellow insulated copper tracer wire required.

\* See reverse side of sheet for electrical lines.

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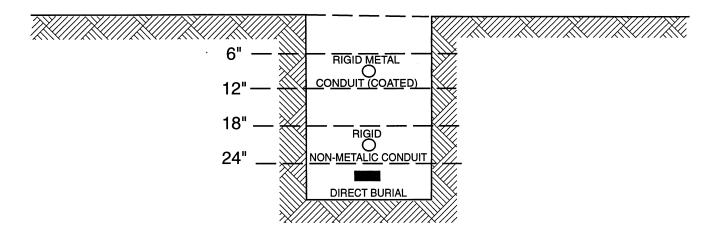


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# BURIAL DEPTHS FOR ELECTRICAL LINES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

### **ELECTRIC LINE BURIAL DEPTHS**

Rigid metal conduit (coated) - 6" minimum Rigid non-metalic conduit - 18" minimum Direct burial cable - 24" minimum



National Electric Code Table 300-5 applies. Important exceptions to the above electric line burial depths include:

- A 6" reduction of the above depths is allowed when a minimum of 2" of concrete cover is placed above rigid non-metalic conduit and direct burial cable. No reduction is permitted for rigid metal conduit.
- A reduction to 12" deep for any wiring method for a 120 volt 20 ampere or less rated residential circuit that is GFCI protected.

The above burial depths are *not* applicable for the following uses:

- Mobilehome parks.
- San Diego Gas & Electric service lines.
- Exterior slabs or directly underneath building slabs that are at least 3 1/2" thick (conduit may be installed directly underneath slab).
- Locations where solid rock is encountered. Check with Inspection Department for possible solutions.
- Vehicular areas.

Any trenching near or through a septic system must be reviewed by the Health Department.

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